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for the

Day of Prayer and Supplication to Almighty God for the Restoration of Peace

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Whereas, The President of the United States has designated Sunday, October 4th, as a Day of Prayer and Supplication to Almighty God for the Restoration of Peace, and

Whereas, In the name of the Diocese of Pennsylvania we endorsed the request for the designation of such a day of Prayer and promised to set forth a service for its appropriate observance,

Therefore, We hereby authorize for use in the Diocese of Pennsylvania the following form of service.

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St. Matthew's Day
September 21, 1914

Bishop Suffragan of Pennsylvania

It is suggested that offerings be given to the work of the Red Cross Society

A Noon-day Service of Intercession for Peace will be held in the Chapel of the Church House on week days

Suggested Hymns, 329, 199, 496, 32

For the Order of Morning and Evening Prayer the following Psalms and lessons are appointed:

MORNING			EVENING	
		PSALMS		
33	46		51	85
		LESSONS		
Isaiah ii:1-6			Ephesians vi:10-18	
St. Matthew v:1-10 and 43-48 inclusive			Daniel ix:1-11	

¶*After the Creed use the following versicles and prayers.*

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.
Minister. Let us pray.
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Minister. O Lord, save the State.
Answer. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Minister. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answer. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Minister. O Lord, save thy people.
Answer. And bless thine inheritance.
Minister. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest us dwell in safety.
Minister. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

For Those in Perils of War.

O GOD, the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace, give to those charged with the government of nations the grace seriously to lay to heart the dangers of their unhappy divisions, and a realization of the dreadful sacrifice of human life in time of war. Look down with infinite mercy upon all engaged in battle: bless those who minister to the wounded and the dying: have compassion upon the widows, the fatherless and the orphans: and hasten the day when all war shall cease and universal peace shall reign: through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶*The above prayer may be used as the collect for the day in the order of the Holy Communion.*

A Collect for Peace.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for The President of the United States, and all in Civil Authority.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth;

Most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favour to behold and bless thy servant THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Congress.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled; that thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honor, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and mediation of Jesus Christ, our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

For the Unity of God's People.

O GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Missions.

O GOD, who hast made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the whole earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to them that are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after thee and find thee. Bring the nations into thy fold, and add the heathen to thine inheritance. And we pray thee shortly to accomplish the number of thine elect, and to hasten thy kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Person Under Affliction.

O MERCIFUL God, and heavenly Father, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that thou dost not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men; Look with pity, we beseech thee, upon the sorrows of thy servants, who have been bereaved by war. In thy wisdom thou hast seen fit to visit them with trouble, and to bring distress upon them. Remember them, O Lord, in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to them; endue their souls with patience under their affliction, and with resignation to thy blessed will; comfort them with a sense of thy goodness; lift up thy countenance upon them, and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ After this the congregation shall be desired secretly in their prayers to make humble supplication to Almighty God for the restoration of Peace, for the which prayers there shall be silence kept for a space.

¶ The following prayers shall then be said:

WE beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and

mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments; Let thine ear now be attentive and thine eyes open that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servants, which we pray before thee. (*Nehemiah* I, 5 and 6.)

¶ *Let us pray for the desolate and oppressed:*

LET the cry of the widows and fatherless children and all those homeless, desolate and oppressed, enter into thine ears, O Lord God of Sabaoth; relieve them in all their suffering and destitution. Be thou a father of the fatherless, the comforter of the widows, the succorer of those in distress, and when their work on earth is done, bring them into thy Paradise of rest, where thou shalt thyself wipe away all tears from off all faces and where all their sorrows shall have an end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Let us pray for the soldiers and sailors:*

O LORD God of hosts, bless the soldiers and sailors engaged in war. Be with them in their great dangers and temptations. Give them grace so to realize the uncertainty of human life, that they may seek that peace and strength which the world cannot give; Grant that the inhuman struggle between Christian brethren soon may cease, and that the survivors may serve thee, fighting against sin, the world and the devil, and continuing as thy faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Let us pray for the prisoners of war:*

"ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before thee; according to the greatness of thy mercy preserve thou those that are appointed to die," and restore them to their homes in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Let us pray for the chaplains:*

ALMIGHTY GOD, bless all spiritual ministrations, especially to the sick, the wounded and the dying. Guide thy servants by thy Holy Spirit so to speak the words of comfort and of peace, so to minister the strength and consolation of our holy religion, that living or dying all may desire to be thine, and may know that there is none other name under Heaven given to man in whom and through whom they may receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Let us pray for the physicians and surgeons:*

BLESS, O Lord, the physicians and surgeons in their noble service of humanity; endue them with heavenly wisdom and skill to alleviate suffering and save the lives of thy children, in the name of the great physician of our souls and bodies, thy son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Let us pray for the nurses:*

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, who hast said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me," bless thy servants, the nurses, in their tender care of those in need. Protect and guard them in all dangers, and grant that they may truly and godly serve thee in their vocation, through thy name, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *Let us pray for our countrymen:*

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, we commit to thy fatherly care and protection the Bishop of this Diocese and all our countrymen who on land or sea are in danger or distress: conduct them in safety through all their perils, and bring them again to their homes in peace,

with a grateful sense of thy mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Let us give thanks for Peace at home:*

O ETERNAL GOD, our heavenly Father, who alone makest men to be of one mind in a house and stillest the outrage of violent and unruly people; we bless thy holy name that it hath pleased thee to lead our nation in the paths of peace; and we beseech thee to grant to all of us grace, that we may henceforth obediently walk in thy holy commandments; and leading a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty may continually offer unto thee our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving for these thy mercies towards us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Let us pray for ourselves:*

LORD, open thou our eyes that we may have a clearer vision of the great dangers before us if we forget our own shortcomings; our neglect of the poor, the outcast and the needy; our love of pleasure and luxury; our iniquitous expenditure for armament; our careless indifference and wilful sin.

Hear thou in heaven, thy dwelling place, and when thou hearest forgive the sins of thy people.

Open thou our ears that we may hear thy voice speaking to us amid the world's confusion and strife; lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake; make us to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with thee our God; grant that we may not only do unto others as we would they should do unto us, but may manifest thy love in word and deed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE Lord bless us, and keep us. The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

¶*If the above service cannot be used in full at Morning Prayer, appropriate suffrages from the Litany may be said with the prayers above set forth.*

¶*The following are suggested for the Epistle and Gospel. The Epistle for the day or Romans* xiii : 8-14 *inclusive; St. Matthew* xxiv : 3-15.

Before the final Prayer of Blessing or Benediction—

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant their request; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

And the following:

O GOD, who by thy blessed Son hast promised to send the Holy Spirit that he may guide thy Church into all truth, give unto us a clearer understanding of our duty towards our neighbors, our increasing responsibility to set forward and maintain the principles of peace among all people; help us to purify our civilization and make it truly Christian, that thy will may be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Hear our prayer, O Lord, and by thy mighty Spirit lead us to manifest peace on earth, good will towards men by humbly following the blessed footsteps of thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

The Benediction.

Proclamation of the President

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"WHEREAS, Great nations of the world have taken up arms against one another, and war now draws millions of men into battle whom the counsel of statesmen have not been able to save from the terrible sacrifice; and

"WHEREAS, In this as in all things, it is our privilege and duty to seek counsel and succor of Almighty God, humbling ourselves before Him, confessing our weakness and our lack of any wisdom equal to these things; and

"WHEREAS, It is the especial wish and longing of the people of the United States, in prayer and counsel and all friendliness, to serve the cause of peace;

"THEREFORE, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do designate Sunday, the 4th day of October next, a day of prayer and supplication, and do request all God-fearing persons to repair on that day to their places of worship, there to unite their petitions to Almighty God, that overruling the counsel of men, setting straight the things they cannot govern or alter, taking pity on the nations now in the throes of conflict, in His mercy and goodness showing a way where men can see none, He vouchsafe His children healing peace again and restore once more that concord among men and nations without which there can be neither happiness nor true friendship nor any wholesome fruit of toil or thought in the world; praying also to this end that He forgive us our sins, our ignorance of His holy will, our wilfulness, and many errors, and lead us in the paths of obedience to places of vision and to thoughts and counsels that purge and make wise.

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF I hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington this 8th day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand, nine hundred and fourteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-ninth.

"WOODROW WILSON.

"By the President:

"WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN,

"Secretary of State."

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